

Neikirk Farm, House  
Mansfield Road  
Sharpsburg Vicinity  
Washington County  
Maryland

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

NEIKIRK FARM

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Location: Antietam National Park, Mansfield Road, Sharpsburg  
Vicinity, Washington County, Maryland

Significance: This farm house is significant for its stone  
architecture and for its role in the Civil War  
Battle of Antietam.

Description: The Neikirk Farm, also know as Stone Manor, is  
situated on sloping ground facing southwest. The  
house is a stone, two and one-half-story, three-bay  
structure with one and one-half-story addition  
attached to the east gable end. Since it is built  
into a hillside, the house has three exposed  
stories in the front or south elevation. The walls  
of the main block are constructed of large, roughly  
coursed grey limestone. Wedge-shaped rocks  
suggesting keystones are centered above most  
openings. In the addition, walls are of a browner  
stone and broad stone lintels, typical for the  
area, are present above windows and doors. A  
double gallery is situated on the front elevation  
of this addition and is sheltered under the wings  
roof span. The house is covered by a side-gabled  
roof which is interrupted by two interior stone  
chimneys on the gable ends of the main section.

East of the house is a large gable roofed frame  
bank barn on low stone foundations.

History: The actual construction date of this house is not  
known, but according to the Maryland Historic  
Trust, its architectural characteristics and  
property deeds suggest a construction ca. 1820 or  
30. According to Washington County land records,  
William Price, executor for the estate of John  
Hays, sold the property to Henry Neikirk in January  
of 1832. The farm remained in the Neikirk family  
until being bought by the present owners in 1965.  
Present on the property is a field lane which was  
formerly a road leading to Pry's Ford on the  
Antietam Creek. Union troops passed over this road  
as they moved toward the battle site. The house  
and barn were used as hospitals for union  
casualties during and after the battle.

Source: Neikirk Farm, Maryland Historical Trust Inventory  
Form for State Historic Sites Survey, July 1978

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